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UTAH'S PIONEER VILLAGE: A Backward Glimpse at Early Community Life Out West

The President's Message

By Eugene P. Watkins



Francis LeRoy Christensen

FRANCIS CHRISTENSEN, our late, beloved SUP president, as much as any member or official we have ever had, exemplified the lofty idealism of this worthy organization. It is tough to lose so devoted, enthusiastic, self-sacrificing and thoroughly capable associate.

SUP member will remember Francis especially for his refined and gentle manners. He was a scholar and a gentleman in all his dealings. To be a gentleman applies correct social and fraternal behavior. It is to have an attitude toward others which is based upon mutual respect. Bishop Christensen could show this respect without effort because he had the very rare talent of being able to get the other fellow's point of view.

Courtesy was a marked characteristic of Francis Christensen. His constant thought was for the other person's rights and feelings. He would never willingly cause worry or distress to others.

Reflection, which is both a power and a habit, same natural to Francis L. He had the ability to turn things over in his mind. In his administrative duties he seemed at times to be slow to make decisions, but he had to think things over. He never jumped at conclusions. In his educated mind he considered a new problem in the light of established ideas and decided how he should apply these principles to the situation at hand.

Bishop Christensen looked upon life and the world with an open mind. He never let prejudice or ill-feeling influence his actions which was quite impossible with him since he had no prejudices and never any ill-feelings.

Francis had the ability to translate thought into concise action. This is the power to achieve, to mold, to use the machinery of life efficiently.

His nobility of spirit, kindly, gentle charm and pleasing personality made Francis Christensen one in thousands — the ideal SUP member and official. He did us all a lot of good and he will be missed for a long time to come.

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Iron rusts from disuse, water loses its purity from stagnation and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind—
L. da Vinci



MORMONS BEING TARRED AND FEATHERED

—Courtesy Missouri Historical Review

The Art Of Growing

SOMEONE asked a famous doctor when old age sets in. He replied, "The day you were born." Some people are older at 50 than others at 70, but the man of faith has a formula for growing older that makes life richer for one at any age. He is concerned not only with the span of years but with the quality of life—when that is established, then he is unafraid of the future, whether he is 45 or 75.

We are foolish to stake out a permanent residence at any given point in our thinking or career. Time brings inevitable changes, and we had better reckon with them or we are lost. Our families change as well as our friends, tastes and attitudes. Economic conditions change along with business methods, health and ability. This is good. These changes make possible our development. They challenge the best in us, and we can use them, good or bad to serve great purposes.

Another factor is the faith that finds the principle of compensation at work through the years. This is pointed up by a survey conducted by Harry L. Newman at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He compiled a timetable of worriers, securing data from questionnaires filled out by 103 other psychologists.

It showed that our primary worry at 18 is idealism and personal appearance; at 20, appearance; at 23, morality; at 26, making a good impression. At 30 we worry mostly about salary and the cast of living; at 31, business success; at 33, job security; at 38, health. After the thirties our worries follow another pattern: Political convictions and government problems; at 41, marital problems; at 42, having to give up ambitions and, over 45, we worry mostly about our health. Surely, each period of life has its own problems and the best we can do is try to handle them as they come with judgment, patience and firm resolve.—Dr. Charles M. Crowe.

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It may be a long way to a goal, but it is never far to the next step toward the goal. — Robert Kenney



Our Pioneer Heritage

THE UTAH PIONEERS were people of courage who left the lush farmlands of the Middle West and moved to the desert. Not all were farmers. Many were skilled in the trades; many were formally schooled; many were women and children. Most of these people were unprepared to make the trip to the great desert of Western America.

They came and subdued mountain streams, irrigated the parched earth, built homes, fought off Indian attacks and pestilence, only to find they were under attack by the United States Army.

We as beneficiaries of hard-won blessings should take time to honor our pioneer heritage, not just one day in a year but always. Only men and women of vision could have been so inspired as to make the desert blossom as a rose. Only with the blessings of heaven could they have accomplished so much in so short a time and under such adverse conditions.

Why did the pioneers come west? What were their reasons for making farms in the desert and building homes in wasteland? For what purpose did they risk their lives and the lives of their families in hostile Indian country?

Was it for adventure or gold? Was it only to make a home for themselves?

There is but one reason. They believed with all their hearts in the scripture: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Much as they loved their homes in the Middle West, much as was their investment in personal effort and wealth, they had to leave and face the unknown. As one historian has said: "They left their comfortable homes gladly, because they had to."

"Nothing could destroy their faith in the Restored Gospel. So West they came. They fought Indians when necessary, feeding them when possible. They irrigated thirsty desert lands. They left loved ones behind in unmarked graves, a monument to their faith. These pioneers made the best of their situation, and in doing so they built up a great and inspiringly beautiful empire in the West.

The empire, however, was only a means to an end. The end was the Kingdom of God.

Today, look at the many areas in the West where Mormon pioneers built and developed the land. In Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, California and Utah we see the inspiring marks of these people.

As we pause in our daily activities, let's remember the hardy pioneer to whom we owe so much. Let's thank them for the sacrifices they made for all of us.

TYPOGRAPHICAL TID-BIT

After the farewell party, Hank and Minnie are going to pack up and move to Hanley. They are expected to arrive there hag and baggage by Wednesday night. —*Indiana Newspaper*

Old Age: Pause For Repentance

ONE OF OUR VENERABLE, beloved Sons of the Pioneers, feted on his 90th birthday, noted that old age has many purposes that are good and holy. The Old Testament, he recalled, makes a long life the reward for obedience to parents and Paul speaks of age as a merciful gift of providence to enable man to do penance for the sins of youth.

One might go on enumerating the advantages of age as did Cicero in his excellent book "On The Old." Here we are reminded, not only of the benefits and blessings of age, but rather how rarely those who reach old age ever change from an earthly to a divine life.

A prominent church leader said recently, "I have been 25 years in church work, mostly in the missionary service, and I cannot recall any more than two or three persons, over 50 years of age, who ever asked the solemn question, 'What shall I do to be saved?'" An ancient Biblical prophet, in rebuking one of the leaders of the land said of him, "Gray hairs are upon him yet he knoweth not." All through the scriptures this woeful disregard for the spiritual life is lamented—the approach to the bar of justice and the refusal to set accounts in order.

Three powerful passions hinder man in his quest for the good things: lust, which the modern world calls sex; pride, or egotism, and avarice or greed, expressed in the frantic quest for security. These emotions are not limited to any particular age span but each has a tendency to assert itself best in different periods of time.

Matters of the flesh dominate youth; egotism and the drive for power hold sway over a man's middle years; avarice prevails strongest in old age.

The accumulation of wealth can become a form of immorality. By making sure of ample security in life, some persons think they are assuring security eternally. Youth is inclined to be a spender, middle age a dictator and old age a hoarder.

Thusly, life becomes so materialized that there is scarcely a thought about what is right or wrong. When a man *has* worth, he figures he *is* worth. Fortunately, our revered SUP brother, about to shuffle off this mortal coil, as he calmly anticipates, has long since reflected on his approach to the bar of justice and has set his account in order.

U.S. AS A MISSION FIELD

Sgt. John Kenan, *United States Army*: "A declaration of peace would re-open many mission fields. But in speaking of fields open for mission work, we must not leave out the United States. We belong to a nation that calls itself Christian, yet is more interested in sex than in Christ, and gives credit for victories to men rather than to God."

A STEP BACKWARD INTO WESTERN HISTORY

Frontier Days Relived At Utah Pioneer Village

(From Utah Pioneer Village Brochure)

Time unfolds into Utah's past as the visitor to Utah Pioneer Village turns his back on the 20th Century and steps into a country town of 50 to 100 years ago. Here is a center of living history which brings to life the way people lived during the first fifty years of Utah's existence.

Originally the site of Pioneer Village was the pasture and show ring for a string of American Saddlebred horses. The main Museum building was the stable and the Round House was the winter training ring. During that time Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Sorensen, the founders of Pioneer Village, acquired quite a collection of old coaches, wagons and other vehicles. Being in the retail furniture business they also obtained some beautiful pieces of antique furniture and household equipment.

When World War II made it almost impossible to hold horse shows, the Round House was converted into a small museum for the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers and opened Oct. 24, 1948. The project grew and the large barn was remodeled for the same purpose in 1954.

Becomes A Village

With the building of the Wanship Dam in the mountains east of Salt Lake City, the little pioneer



John Gast's 1872 painting, a romantic expression of the American push to the West in search of the promised land. Here, Mr. Gast's buxom pioneer spirit strings an early telegraph wire—working her way west, just like everybody else.

village of Rockport was to be inundated. A request was made to preserve some of the old buildings erected in pioneer times, so Mr. Sorensen moved them into the pasture, and thus the museum grew into a Pioneer Village.

Additional old buildings were brought in, restored and furnished according to the period. Two old stores were acquired complete with counters, fixtures, and original stock which had been locked up for nearly twenty years. Included in the Village is practically every kind of shop and public building found in pioneer times.

Deeded To SUP

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen deeded the entire collection and the property on which it is situated to the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers. They, with the continued financial and technical assistance of Mr. Sorensen and others are adding to the Village each year. It is not just a museum, but a village with activity. Daily a team of oxen, "Ben" and "Lars," take hundreds of

school children, tourists and visitors for a ride in a covered wagon.

At the end of the ride the oxen kneel down and pray for the riders. They are the only known praying oxen in the world. There is also a small herd of buffalo, and teams of horses which are hitched to a wagon or an old coach on occasions.

Parade Feature

Annually on "Pioneer Day," a number of wagons, buggies, handcarts or old coaches are entered in the big parade. Several times during the years, usually including Memorial Day and Labor Day, groups of Indians descend on Pioneer Village and perform their dances, demonstrate their crafts and show their way of life.

The pioneer spirit which built the West is recaptured and preserved here, and a visit to Pioneer Village leaves one with a lasting impression of the westward movement and a deeper appreciation of our great American heritage.

National Honors Won By Utah's Pioneer Village

- ★ "Award of Merit" from the American Association of State and Local Histories, Washington, D.C., 1954 and 1956
- ★ Utah State Historical Society "Award," 1960.
- ★ Gun Collection featured in LIFE MAGAZINE, April 3, 1959.
- ★ Member of National Trust for Preservation of Historical Sites, Washington, D.C.
- ★ Life member of American Pioneer Trails & Landmarks Association, New York.

FABULOUS STORY OF UTAH'S PIONEER VILLAGE

Stable And Show Ring Made Into Far-Famed Museum

By Horace A. Sorensen
Founder-Director Pioneer Village

The history of the West comes alive when thousands of visitors, mostly school children, tourists and others visit Utah's Pioneer Village located at 2998 Connor Street, 2150 East, East Mill Creek, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Little did we know that our stables and show ring for American Fine Harness and saddle horses would some day be a Pioneer Village. Through the efforts of our mothers, both daughters of Utah Pioneers, we were inducted and persuaded to assemble many buggies, sleighs, wagons, harness, antique furniture, statues, etc., because we had the sheds, buildings and barn to store them for protection before it was too late to save them.

Like many couples we had come from the country to the city, and met at the University of Utah, and after getting married worked hard to accumulate enough to return to the country which we naturally loved.

Most of our grandparents had come across the plains before the coming of the railroad with oxen hitched to covered wagons that brought all their worldly possessions from their native lands.

As we collected the many articles of antiquity, we found that they were not so many old things but silent witnesses of the great past. What stories they told! Little did we know just why we assembled them in our backyard. This went on for a number of years. In the meantime we took many trips to historical places in the East and overseas.

We saw the open air museums in Europe and also Williamsburg, Sturbridge and many other in this country. Williamsburg, a fabulous Colonial Village, costing the



HORACE AND ETHEL
SORENSEN

Rockefellers a hundred million, was too expensive * * * and did not fit into our locale. Starbridge Village, 50 miles southwest of Boston, Massachusetts was more our type.

So, finally in 1947 during the centennial of the Mormon pioneer trek from Nauvoo, Illinois to the territory of Utah, we felt more fully the importance of both our pioneer and American heritage.

Becomes A Museum

We converted the round house which had been built to train horses indoors during the winter into a museum where we assembled some of the collection. On October 28, 1948, we dedicated it with church and civic leaders present as the guests of the Sugar House Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers as a museum.

In the meantime a gun enthusiast and collector of firearms had on display in a Sugar House show window his guns. This was Moroni Schindler, who sold me his collection and then went to work with me as a curator. I soon discovered that he had a European museum background and with German traits to carry through he was a good man to follow the long hours and years of endless re-

search that came. So, Moroni has been with the project ever since.

Moroni is also the sheriff of the Village. He proudly wears a deputy star on his chest and a revolver in a holster strapped to his belt. One day while on his watchful tour of duty he heard some yells from the Towne Hall. Upon checking he found two girl teenagers that had been locked in the jail by their boy friends. This is only one of many instances where young visitors participated in the life of the Village.

Views National Exhibits

On an eastern trip I visited many points of interest in search of American artifacts. Everywhere I went I told them that I would like some things to teach the people and especially the children, who visited our museum. In Philadelphia, the cradle of American independence, my plea resulted in a hand-painted copy of the great painting that hangs at Valley Forge of General George Washington on his white horse reviewing the bedraggled troops in 1776 when our independence hung by a thread. The results were surprising. I brought back many old historical etchings and documents. Also an unsigned portrait of Washington by the country's leading painter. Also many Lincolnan treasures were added to the collection. Later on a statue of Washington was also added, done by Loundin, a French sculptor who modeled him while he was yet alive. The original is in the State Capitol at Richmond, Virginia. Also is shown the desk and chair used by W. H. Hooper as our first representative of the territory and under the presidency of Abraham Lincoln who received it when

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following page)

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AN EDUCATION IN WESTERN AMERICAN HISTORY

Director Sorensen Gathers Artifacts From Many Regions

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he retired from office. The desk and chair is an exact copy of that used by Lincoln as president which is now in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. These and countless other items honor our American heritage at Pioneer Village.

The Main Building is the former horse barn of the Edgemont Stables which is in the center of about three acres at the end of a tree lined road leading in from Connor Street to a paved parking lot for about a hundred cars. The entrance is the old Union Pacific Railroad Station moved there from Kaysville, Utah. It is joined on the east side by a narrow gauge freight train and caboose from the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad.

For Expenses Only

For several years we did not charge for entrance to the Village and usually served refreshments to the visitors. In 1953 the property and some 30 buildings were deeded to the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers comprising a complete Pioneer Village and they suggested that an entrance charge be made to help defray the expenses of operation, with no charge for children under six years of age, 25c for children 14 years and under and 75 cents for adults.

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has continued as directors of museums; Milton V. Backman as assistant director and judge advocate and Ronald L. Kingsbury as accountant and treasurer. We are dollar a year men. Our wives have faithfully served in assisting us in administration capacities and special guides. Thanks to Florence Blackman, Ilene Kingsbury and Ethel Sorensen. Thanks to my family



What's It?

The above statue of the boy sitting on a bench examining an old trap is the work of one of Italy's great sculptors, all out of one piece of carrara marble obtained in Florence, Italy by Ethel and Horace Sorensen. It reminded them of thousands of school children who visit Pioneer Village and the question most often asked is "What's It?"

and the South East Furniture Company for all they have done to make it possible.

In 1956 a Mr. Peterson, engineer for the government, came to me with his troubles. A dam was proposed to impound the waters of the Weber river at Wanship. Considerable resistance was being had from the inhabitants of the little pioneer community of Rockport. He thought that if several of the buildings could be moved into the Village that the heat would be off the Reclamation Department, and so he asked me if I would and could move them. This was a colossal task but it made the Museum a Village and the people of Rockport felt reconciled that the buildings were saved.

Old Log Schoolhouse

Among the buildings was the old one room log schoolhouse. The logs were hand hewn and plastered together. The seating was missing but we procured the graduated size desks, first to eighth grades, from the Catholic St. Ann's School. An assortment of primers, slates, school hand

bells and toys are shown here. A plaque to Mary Jane Dilworth is displayed on the wall as the first school teacher in Utah. A school bell hangs in the tower above. A dunce stool and cap occupy the corner and a rod is handy on the teacher's desk. The children love to see how times have changed in schools as well as other things.

Buffalo in the coral, horses hitched to vehicles, and oxen pulling covered wagons add life to the village and give the children rides which is a stellar attraction. Chickens are in the barnyard; pigeons are in the loft and fly overhead; the village dog is a friend to everyone. The animals are all, of course, gentle and love the attention of the children in this rural location beautifully landscaped with the Wasatch Mountains on the east and the White Canal to the west.

Pony Express Quarters

In 1961 the Village served as the national headquarters for the Pony Express Centennial. In 1968 in quest of other properties. I had contacted Joel Priest, public relations executive for the Union Pacific Railroad, for a train for the Village. It was to honor the passing of steam. However, not thinking that the wide gauge was too large for the Village I found that we had a giant steam locomotive with passenger, baggage and caboose cars. They placed it on a siding awaiting our acceptance and there it was for almost a year. They kept urging me to move it and I was in a quandry.

Finally on another trip to Washington I happened to go into the offices of the Bureau of the Interior where among others I contacted a very fine historian by

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EARLY CHAPTER IN RAILROAD HISTORY

Railroad Museum Had Humble Start But Soon Became Greatest

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the name of Roy Appleman. I found that he was not only a student of the Pony Express but a railroad historian as well. I asked him about the coming centennial of the First Continental Railroad and he classified it as one of the ten greatest events in our history.

Well, I exclaimed, if it is so important why aren't we doing something about it. He said, the reason was, that there was a lack of interest to cause them to do something about it. I said that there had been a lot written about the joining of the rails connecting east and west and the importance of it. But, he added that a museum should be established out here to show historical engines, cars, stations, buildings and railroad equipment of the steam age.

I told him about the train I had acquired but could not use it in the Pioneer Village and it was impossible to move it to Promontory Summit. Well, he said, you do not want to move it out there. There are still tracks into Corinne, the pioneer railroad settlement where it ought to be. He felt quite sure the Union Pacific would give us a location and the train could be moved in on its own power.

New R.R. Museum

Well, this was great news. It was just 90 days until the 90th anniversary of the first continental railroad the site was right here in Utah. I came back and went to work fencing 500 feet along the state highway with an additional 500 feet provided by the Union Pacific Railroad, and the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers had a railroad museum which has further developed since then. It has been visited by thousands of school children, tourists and local interest since its dedication May 10, 1959.

The coming of the first trans-continental railroad was important because it ended the pioneer era.

The freight trains of wagons, drawn by oxen, horses and mules gradually gave way to rail shipments. The stage coach gave way to passenger and mail rail transportation, just as the Pony Express had been replaced by the Telegraph. The importance of Corinne became a thing of history. Corinne, once the second largest city in Utah, next to Salt Lake City, is located seven miles west of Brigham City on the main highway to Promontory Summit just 25 miles further west connected by a paved road that will be much busier now that it is a historical monument backed by a half million dollar government project.

We have almost dispensed with guide service at the Village. Most teachers and bus drivers have been there before. They are admitted without charge as excellent guides. School children often return with their families and friends and make good guides. We have had up to 1500 school children a day in the spring and fall. The conduct has been beyond reproach. The main question is "What's It?" The Village opens up a new world of surprises showing thousands of things never known by an inquisitive younger generation. Many teachers have said that it does more for the students in third and fourth grades than any text books can do.

We must keep alive our appreciation of our Pioneer and American heritage. We have found out over the last 20 years that much has been accomplished to arouse a deeper appreciation at Utah's Pioneer Village, where the history of the west comes alive.



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City Names Panel On Historic Buildings

Salt Lake City has a panel on historic buildings. City Commissioner Conrad B. Harrison has announced the appointment of Dr. Frank H. Jonas, University of Utah political science professor, to head the committee. Commissioner Harrison said they will work for the preservation of old historic buildings in the city.

Committee vice chairman will be Mrs. Kent Shearer, the citizens representative.

Others appointed to the new board are: Robert L. Bliss, chairman of the University of Utah Department of Architecture; W. Eldredge Grant, Salt Lake City attorney and Vernon L. Jorgensen, city planning director.

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Our Readers Write

Organize For Encampment

This should not be the case, but there is always the risk of a small attendance at an SUP encampment whenever it is held at a considerable distance from the main centers of population. Let us not run into a situation like that with our Kanab gathering. The distance to Kanab is likely to frighten away quite a number of our members, especially the older folk.

It shouldn't. Bus service will be top class, cheaper and safer than driving one's own car. Socializing on the bus beats the private car plan by quite a great deal. There will be no worry about taking care of the family vehicle while attending the meet, as bus service will be readily available for all

the side jaunts, even the short ones, the encampment committee assures.

During the time between now and mid-August, let each chapter organize and campaign for attendance at the Kanab convention. Chapters should talk it up at every meeting, appoint transportation committees and make the reservations now. Let us see which chapter can get the highest proportion of members in attendance at Kanab. This is a great trip, a beautiful country we are to see and a grand group of hosts we are to meet and with whom we are sure to make many true and lasting friends.

—Encampment Committee
per F.M.R.

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Don McCarrel (Mack) Dalton

Don McCarrel Dalton, former president of the South African Mission, who as a youth was a training partner with Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight



boxing champion, is a prominent lawyer and civic leader in Pleasant Grove, Utah. He is an active member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion.

Mack was born May 12, 1895 at Manassa, Colo., son of John Cranmer and Hannah Daphne Smith Dalton. He was a neighborhood playmate of Dempsey, also born in Manassa, about the same time.

Mr. Dalton served in the U.S. Army during World War I. On Dec. 28, 1917 he married Myrtle Geneve Jorgensen at Castle Dale, Utah, which union was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Mack has been in all the states of the Union, either on church or business assignments with occasional vacation travels included. He has also visited almost every nation in the Western World and once had an audience with Pope Pius XI in Rome.

In civic life Mr. Dalton has

served as town councilman, candidate for district attorney and in religious service performed three missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Central States, Eastern States and South African Missions.

At one time he was Utah and Intermountain heavyweight boxing champion. He has spent countless hours with boys teaching them boxing and other games. He took out his law degree at the University of Utah.

Mr. Dalton has participated in numerous SUP and Mormon Battalion treks and heads the Jesse N. Smith Family Association of 6,000 members which has restored the oldest adobe family abode in Utah, at Parowan. Here the SUP has sponsored a plaque which recently was dedicated by Elder Hyrum Smith, patriarch, with the Mormon Battalion present in uniform.

The Dalton recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They are the parents of Gerald J., born at Capetown Africa, and George Edward, Marilyn Dalton Whitesides and Lena Geneve Dalton, all of Salt Lake City.

Mack's two grandfathers were pioneers to Utah. Jesse K. Smith arrived Sept. 25, 1857 and Edward Dalton July 29, 1847. Edward Dalton was a member of the original Mormon Battalion.

Old Beaver Co. Court House Proves Bargain

Designated by Gov Calvin S. Rampton's Historical Commission as a landmark to be preserved, the old Beaver County Utah Court House has proved one of the best bargains the county ever made. Started in 1877 and completed in 1883, the grand old edifice, still in use, has earned its upkeep many times over.

It has been in continuous use since completion and its total cost was a mere \$11,065.01, it is shown by records in the office of Rondo Farrer, county treasurer. One of the interesting items on record is a handwritten note from Zions First National Bank on April 2, 1880 for \$1,000 for financing the building.

Throughout the years the tower of the three-story red brick building has attracted general attention from visitors and passers through because of its three-faced clock. It is kept "cranked up" as a project by the seminary classes of Beaver Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

These guardians of the three-faced timepiece admit that it's quite a task to keep the big black hands of the clock in the right place at the right time. It usually runs fast.

There is no indication at present that the old structure will be replaced by a more modern building although the sentiment is strongly in favor of keeping it as a museum or show place.

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Chapter Eternal

Francis Christensen, Former SUP President, Dies At Brigham City



Francis L. Christensen
... his death loss to SUP

Francis LeRoy Christensen, 73, Brigham City Chapter and national president of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died March 29 of natural causes at his home in Brigham City, Utah.

Mr. Christensen had served as President of the SUP from 1968 to 1969 and had previously served on its board of directors. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Brigham City.

For 30 years he served as a postal employe and was a member of the Box Elder Water Users Assn. and operated a farm near Brigham City.

Served As Bishop

Active in church work throughout his life, Mr. Christensen was bishop of the Brigham City Fifth Ward and was president of the Box Elder Tabernacle Mission. Other church positions held included Sunday School superintendent and priesthood group leader. At the time of his death he was a high priest in the Brigham City Tenth Ward.

Francis LeRoy Christensen was born Nov. 1896 in Brigham City, a son of Peter Christian and Marie Rasmussen Christensen. He married Annie Elvera Johnson Nov. 26, 1919 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Four Sons, One Daughter

Survivors include his widow, four sons and one daughter: Willard H., Ellis Lynn, both of Brigham City; Jared Peter, Canton, N.C.; Evan J. Ogden; Mrs. Robert C. (Joan) Webster, Barrington, Ill., 16 grandchildren, one sister, Elsie C. Bailey, North Ogden.

The funeral was held Wednesday, April 1 in the Brigham City Tenth Ward Chapel. Interment was in the Brigham City Cemetery.



George Edward Miles

George Edmond Miles, 103, active member of the Dixie Mission Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died February 7 of natural causes at his home in St. George, Utah. He was patriarch of the St. George Stake East.

Mrs. Miles attended the University of Utah and Brigham Young University and later became a bookkeeper. He became St. George city clerk 18 years; as juvenile judge for eight years, and as justice of the peace for three terms.

A former clerk and store manager, Mr. Miles served an LDS mission to the Southern States from 1896 to 1899. He was an ordinance worker in the St. George LDS Temple for 25 years.

Mr. Miles served as patriarch in the St. George East LDS Stake for 27 years.

Mr. Miles was born Dec. 9, 1866, in London, England, a son of John Henry William and Mary Wyatt Miles.

He married Victoria Josephine Jarvis, in 1895, in the St. George LDS Temple. She died in May, 1941.

Survivors include four sons and three daughters, George J., of Centerville; Dr. Henry J., Urban, Ill.; Maurice J., Henderson, Nev.; Walter J., Mrs. Clinton (Ann) Fuller, Mrs. Howard (Mary) Kleinman, all of St. George.

Survivors also include 27 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 9 in the St. George Sixth LDS Ward Chapel. Burial was in the St. George City Cemetery.

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William Brooks

William Brooks, 88, former Washington County sheriff and St. George postmaster died of natural causes at his home in St. George, March 28. He was a member of the Dixie Mission Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers.



Mr. Brooks was one of the best-known citizens of Washington County, having served as St. George city councilman from 1917 to 1927. He was also elected to the offices of county clerk and auditor, an office he held until June 1934, when he resigned to accept the position as St. George postmaster.

As sheriff of Washington County, Mr. Brooks saw the days of the mounted outlaw give way to the automobile and was instrumental in tracking down some of the last of the old outlaw gangs of southern Utah.

He received his early education in the St. George schools but school terms in those days were brief for him because of farm chores and harvests. When the city's Woodward School was completed in 1901, he returned to receive his elementary education, later attending Brigham Young Academy and the Utah State Agricultural College. Following his schooling at Utah State he took over state experimental station work, especially with dry farming in Juab and San Juan County.

The life story of William Brooks, written by his widow, Juanita Brooks, noted Utah historian, was awarded first place for biographies in the 1939 Utah State Fine Arts Writing competitions and will be published.

He was born April 23, 1881 in St. George, a son of George and Emily Cornelia Branch Brooks. He married Nellie Marie Stephens in Sept. 28, 1911 in the St. George Temple. She died Feb. 19, 1911. He married Juanita Leavitt Pulsipher in the St. George Temple, May 25, 1933.

Survivors include his widow, St. George; six sons, one daughter, Walter

Chapter SUP Eternal

Hugh Holdaway

Hugh Holdaway, 83, member of the Salt Lake City Chapter of SUP, died March 2 of natural causes in the Salt Lake Temple where he had gone to perform ordinance work.



On September 15, 1969, Mr. Holdaway and his wife Pearl celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their five sons and three daughters, 35 grandchildren and 44 great grand children in attendance. They became engaged while both were attending Brigham Young University.

At BYU, Hugh was an outstanding athlete particularly in track and field sports, exceling as a mile runner in which he set a number of records. Following his athletic career he taught in high school and coached. He was active in scouting for more than 20 years.

Professionally, Hugh was a rock mason. Much of his artistic work is seen on Utah churches and public buildings. Mr. Holdaway put his artistry to work in the later years of his life when he constructed a stone-masonry love cottage for his lady Pearl at 315 Vincent Court in Salt Lake City.

S., St. George; Robert G., Logan; Clarence J., Salt Lake; Mrs. Thales (Willa Nita) Derrick, Tamaele, Hawaii; Karl F., Monticello; Joseph Kay, Fairfax, Va.; Antone L., Albuquerque, N.M.; a stepson, Ernest Pulsipher, Las Vegas; 33 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren, four brothers and sisters, Edward P., St. George; Lleyellyn, Los Angeles; Mrs. Cornelia Allen, and Mrs. Edith McIntyre, both Salt Lake City.

Funeral services were held March 31 in the St. George Tabernacle and burial was in the St. George City Cemetery.

Pearl painted a 16-foot mural for the bedroom.

Hugh was born Aug. 19, 1886 at Aurora, Sevier County, a son of George Timothy and Laura Whipple Holdaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway were married Sept. 15, 1909 in the Salt Lake Temple. The observance of their 60th wedding anniversary was strictly family, the youngsters entertaining the oldsters with music, speech, drama and skits, by members of each branch of the family tree.

The Holdaways have traveled extensively on the continent, visiting most of the parks and places of interest and have done work in all the Mormon temples. Hugh spent three days a week as an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple, when he died of a heart attack while preparing for his assigned session.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Radio Night Caps and lived up to its creed before it was even written.

Active in church work throughout his life, Mr. Holdaway held the office of high priest and gave considerable of his time and attention to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Surviving are his widow, sons and daughters: H. Von, Orem; Loren DeMar, Sandy; George H. Palo Alto, Calif.; David H. Plava Del Rey, Calif.; Richard Edson, Upland, Calif.; Mrs. Henry (Ida Ortel) Boelter, Clearfield; Mrs. Dale (Laura Elaine) Mattingly, Freemont, Wayne County, 35 grandchildren, 44 great grand children, also sister, Mrs. James J. (Etta) Spendlove, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Funeral services were held Mar. 4 and burial was in the Provo City Cemetery.

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Historic old Sandy Mail Buggy and some of the Temple Quarry SUP members who recovered this unique relic: Lee Richardson, center; Willard Richardsen, inside buggy; Pres. Kenneth P. Rasmussen, Temple Quarry Chapter; right; and Kenneth A. Brady, museum chairman.

RECOVERY OF A UNIQUE RELIC

Temple Quarry Chapter To Preserve Historic Mail Buggy Of 1896 To 1902

For the past six years Temple Quarry SUP Chapter President Kenneth P. Rasmussen has been nervously watching a valuable relic which had come into possession of his friend N. S. Larson of Sandy, Utah, a mail carrier's buggy which covered the south end of the valley for upward of a decade.

The buggy is authentic to the Sandy-Midvale-Jordan area and familiar even now to some of the members of the chapter, particularly to the families of Leland and Willard Richardson and more or less a cherished memory of their older brother Solon Richardson of Midvale, Utah. He operated this one-horse traveling postal unit for many years as Route No. 1 out of Sandy, serving the Sandy, Riverton and Midvale areas.

Several times the buggy was overturned for various reasons usually relating to a shying horse or when the county roads were "locked in" with ice and drifting snow. Sometimes the wheels were exchanged for bobsled-type runners.

Heated rocks served as the heating unit. Thus to the hearty breed of mail carriers, the greater the obstacle the greater the challenge for the mail had to go

through!

Members of the Temple Quarry Chapter are proud to have obtained this unique relic, which is now restored to the exact dimensions of the original. The basic framework and running gear being excellent condition, as now tuned up, the old one-horse shay looks as though it could go again on one of its memorable rounds. As far as is known this is the only vehicle left out of the original fleet of ten used during the 1896-1902 era.

Temple Quarry Chapter plans to display the buggy from time to time in various parades.

Members of the chapter donated promptly and generously to preserve the buggy as there were other interests in the East and in California that were interested in acquiring the vehicle.

Caught up in the spirit of the project, among many others, are Reed Brown, postmaster of Sandy and M. Verne Thurber, SUP life member. They have donated some postal trappings of the horse and buggy period, mail pouch harness, etc. Mr. Thurber is an authority of these times, having driven such outfits in the Provo area before the horse-drawn rigs were discontinued along about 1902.

MAIL 36 YEARS AGO

Veteran Carrier To Close Mail Service of 30 Yrs.

(From a Salt Lake Newspaper of June 1934)

MIDVALE — Solon Richardson, 63-year-old Midvale mail carrier, who more than a generation has seen that the mail got through, will retire July 1, 1934, closing a 30-year career.

Back in the horse and buggy days Mr. Richardson "covered" the Sandy R.F.D., Route No. 1, a job he held for 23 years. Seven years ago he was transferred to the Midvale route.

"I do not know yet what I will do after the route is taken from me," the white-haired but straight-shouldered carrier said. Perhaps I will take a daily walk. The missus and I are used to getting up early and we intend to keep to this schedule.

"I am still an active man and the way to keep healthy is to be 'on the go.'"

Mr. Richardson has traveled approximately 318,580 miles during his mail delivering career. Not once during his 30 years has he been blocked from "going through." Up to four years ago he never missed a day off the job.

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MORMON BATTALION ON THE MARCH

1950 San Diego Trek Commemorated; Death Takes Two Prominent Members

By Col. Marvin E. Smith
Commanding Officer Mormon
Battalion

Because of the thoughtfulness and energy of a few fine people about 140 friends gathered on March 20 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the 1950 Mormon Battalion trek to San Diego when 310 venturesome

souls in nine buses traveled part of the original trail.

A catered dinner, printed programs, movies of the 1950 trek, vocal solos by the Battalion Sweetheart Dorothy Kimball Keddington, and talks by Parley



Col. Smith P. Giles, Richard A. Lambert and Wendell Ashton filled the enjoyable evening.

President N. Eldon Tanner attended with his mother who is a granddaughter of James Stephen Brown, illustrious soldier of the original Battalion of 1846-47.

Florence E. Curtis came with Harold and Martha Jenson. She is the widow of the Commanding Officer Fred E. H. Curtis who led the 1950 trek. It was noted that more than 100 of the group had passed away during the past 20 years. Due respects were voiced.

The beautiful and appropriate organ music of Parley Giles added much to the enjoyment of the activities.

Our appreciation is extended to the Reunion Committee. Assisting Chairman Dean W. Andrus

were Richard A. Lambert, Horace A. Sorensen, Delsa Hale and Parley P. Giles.

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HERE AND THERE

Congratulations to Jay B. Horrocks, senior vice president of Beneficial Life Ins. Co. on his recent appointment to the board of directors. He also serves as a vice president of the national SUP.

March 29 and 30 marked the deaths of two battalion members: William Brooks, 88, of St. George and Francis L. Christensen, 73, of Brigham City.

William served in several city and county positions including sheriff before becoming postmaster. Last year his wife, Juanita Leavitt Pulsipher Brooks wrote his life story and won first prize for the biography in state competition.

Francis was national SUP president 1968-69. He served as a bishop and later as president of the Box Elder Tabernacle Mission. A retired postal employee, he is survived by his widow Annie Elvera Johnson, four sons and one daughter.

Sen. Moss Urges New U. S. Space Program

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The time has come to redirect U.S. space objectives, Sen. Frank E. Moss, D-Utah has told the U.S. Senate. The Utah senator, member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, in an 18-page speech said the U.S. "should seek to improve the efficiency of the space program and then utilize it to the greatest extent possible to solve major problems facing the American society."

"For the present," said Sen. Moss, "we should set our space



GEORGE COTTERELL

Utah Civil War Volunteer, George Cotterell, was typical of the young Mormons who volunteered for Civil War duty in the Union Army guarding communications in western United States. The troops were un-uniformed, and self equipped.

—Photo Utah State Historical Society

sights on building an orbiting space station, supplied and managed by the use of a space shuttle system in which craft would go back and forth from earth to the space station on regular schedule and on productive missions."

The senator also urged that the U.S. give a much larger share of space appropriations to research which will increase supplies of food and other necessities to preserve our life-giving environment. He said it is now time to focus the nation's energies on what has been called "inner space."

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Charley Kelly Penned Many Tales of Pioneer Life Out West

By Herb S. Hamlin
Editor "The Pony Express"

Student of western history are gradually coming around to appreciating the voluminous and fascinating works of Charles Kelly, prolific and versatile historian. The author of "Salt Desert Trails," "Holy Murder," "The Avenging Angels," "Vigilantes of Montana," "Mountain Meadow Massacre," "Butch Cassidy And His Wild Bunch," and other stirring tales has made many great contributions to western history.

Kelly was born in 1889 in upper Michigan where his father held the pastorate of a community Baptist Church, until he was virtually starved out. His family moved to Ohio where Charley was reared. His father founded a religion of his own, and in order to perpetuate it bought a small print shop. Charley learned to set type at the age of seven and has been a printer ever since.

Charley takes it from here with his own story:

"That paragraph suggests two things: First, it explains 'Holy Murder,' and my unconcealed hatred of religious hypocrites like those among whom I was reared. Second, it explains why I am a printer, and that again explains 'Salt Desert Trails.'

"Never being particularly crazy about the printing business, I started out to be a musician; but by the time the technique was mastered, along came radio and put most of us out of business. Being smitten with the colorful western country I took up painting as a hobby. Prowling the desert for subject material I accidentally stumbled onto the Donnor Trail on the Salt Desert. No one here knew anything about it; so I began doing some research, out of curiosity, and found that historical research—especially in this section—was much more fascinating than either of the other two hobbies. Having compiled the story of the Salt Desert I wanted to have it preserved in book form, but no one was interested. So, being a printer, I published it myself, not as a typographic exhibit nor a piece of fine literature, but mere-



Charley Kelly
... master of Wild West tales
ly as a record.

Many Untold Stories

"Through that book I became acquainted with authors and historians all over the country, which made the effort very much worth while, even though it never made any money. I found there were a lot of untold stories in this part of the west, and decided to preserve some of them in permanent form, merely as a hobby."

Herewith are presented a few more lines about this amazing writer as we published them in "The Pony Express," February 1970 issue:

It is said that tears of appreciation rolled down his cheeks when honors were bestowed upon Kelly at Salt Lake City's Alta Club last December. It was overdue recognition since Charley had pounded out lots of Mountain West history, especially about Utah, where many Mormons who crave truth, no matter where the chips may fall, admire him greatly.

The Salt Lake Tribune, once Pat Lannon's, with C.C. Goodwin as editor, did itself credit to praise Charley in its December 28 columns. Here are some of the stories the veteran wrote for The Pony Express some 35 years ago:

Some Of His Books

"Ruben Nucleos Overland Stage Driver," "Trapper Caleb Green-

wood," "Desert Rats," "Emigrant Register," "Butch Cassidy And His Wild Bunch," "Brown's Hole," "A Desert Mystery," "The Mysterious D. Julein," "Footprints Of The Padres," "Holy Murder," and "Salt Desert Trails." The latter volume was highly praised by Col. D. C. Jackling, Utah philanthropist and world-famous mining engineer.

Kelly will not be the richest celebrity in Utah's cemetery when the sunset years of his life fades out, but what a wealth of history he has contributed for future generations! This is worth a thousand times more to a man's name than the money in the bank.

We mentioned Col. Jackling: He was on The Pony Express staff for years, intimating to the writer many times how he loved western history and wished he had time to spend on it. He also liked mining and left \$7 million for pursuit of research in metallurgy. The colonel got to be an authority on the bronze age. (At one time he was down in the world's finest copper mines on the Island of Cyprus, thence to Cornwall's tin mines that furnished the Phoenicians with alloy to make the world's finest bronze.)

A Kindly Gentleman

Friends of Jackling, who contributed so much to Utah's wealth, wanted him to enter politics and run for senator against George Sutherland in 1912. Some 58 years ago, Jackling and Sutherland met at the Alta Club where tears of appreciation rolled down George's cheeks. It was a private conversation, Jackling had the money and owned the newspaper (Salt Lake Herald) to defeat Sutherland. When the noted mining engineer told the incumbent to run again and he and his paper would support him, tears of appreciation leaked from the senator's eyes.

In this country of opportunity and freedom of enterprise, Utah's former boy shepherd worked his way through the University of Michigan Law School and went to the top by never lacking in appreciation.

Charley Kelly felt the same way about it in the same Alta Club, 58 years later.

HOW THEY GOT THE NAME:

Colorful And Picturesque Places In Utah And Intermountain West

By T. M. Woolley

Gosiute is an Indian reservation west of the Deep Creek range of mountains in northwestern Juab County, extending into Nevada. There is a Gosiute native village on the reservation.



Gosiute is the name of a Great Basin Indian Tribe concerning which there has been confusion as to their affiliation. The Gosiutes are predominantly Shoshoni. The etymology of the word is: Gosi, a prefix rooted in the Shoshoni "gosp" for "dust," referring to the dust storms of the desert. The suffix Ute refers to people. Their homes were the most severe of the entire Shoshonian area, their poverty was pathetic; they lived in small valleys or at water holes on the edge of the Great Salt Lake Desert.

LaVerkin Creek in Washington County drains the southwestern part of Kolob Terrace and Kolob Canyon, then flows southerly parallel with Ash Creek which joins it just north of its confluence with the Virgin River. A high narrow, lava-covered ridge intervenes between the two creeks. The name LaVerkin existed when the first Americans began exploring the Virgin River region.

This creek must of been named by the Spanish explorers or traders from Santa Fe early in the 19th Century, but the correct Spanish name was not absorbed into American toponymy. The name was badly corrupted.

There is no reference to its origin or significance in historic literature. Corruption of Spanish and Indian names was almost the rule rather than the exception in early American times in this region. As the creek is a tributary of the Virgin River and the name of the tributary sometimes follows the prototype name, it is most probable that LaVerkin is a short-

ened and corrupt form of the name of the mother stream, Rio de le Virgen. There is no "K" in Spanish; but the K sound in Verkin is quite similar to the Spanish "G" in Vergin.

Gothic Wash and Mesa, are in San Juan County and are south of the San Juan River southwest of Bluff. The name derives from the type of erosion of the topography there—pointed arches, suggestive of Gothic architecture.

Goulding Trading Post, in San Juan County, it is Monument Valley just north of the Utah-Arizona boundary. The name is that of the founder Harry Goulding, who was one of the first licensed traders to the Navajo people. For years white travelers and traders have found Goulding's a haven of succor in the primitive Navajo country.

Death Takes Utah Pioneer Nurse, 101

Ella Georgina Francisco Keele, 101, pioneer nurse and one of Utah's oldest residents, died Mar. 28 in a Nephi, Utah, hospital of natural causes. She was a resident of Utah since age 4. She was honored at a special birthday observance in Nephi on her 100th birthday.

For many years she worked as a nurse in various Utah hospitals. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A native of Herkimer, N.Y., she was born May 25, 1868. She was married to Nephi Keele in Salt Lake City in 1935. He died Nov. 27, 1962.

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50th Wedding Anniversary April 10 For Sierra's Nance and Lela Vaught

Mance and Lela Vaught, member and prime booster for the Sierra Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers and devoted workers in the Placerville Ward, Cedar Ravine, Calif., will host their friends, neighbors and co-workers at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Friday, April 10 at the ward chapel. It will be "an old-fashioned reception; come as you are" affair, it says on the invitation.

The Vaughts smilingly remember when they first met at a county fair in central Idaho in the autumn of 1919. Mance had just returned from a year and a half in France with the American Expeditionary Forces. Lela, a visitor from Arco, Idaho was displaying her talents at the fair by riding the winner in a quarter-horse race. It was a "nothing serious" association but the following spring wedding bells were ringing "for me and my gal," as Mance recalls, for her a Kentucky belle and he "an Idaho potato."

After four years in the restaurant business in Mackay, they sold out and went to California to seek their fortune, arriving at Placerville, Oct. 5, 1924.

Both Converts

Both were converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints through the missionaries. Lela was baptized April 3, 1910, near Paduch, Ky. and Mance, April 8, 1939 in Sacramento. Both were active in establishing the Placerville Mission Sunday School in 1938, Primary 1939, branch of the Church 1940, ward in 1960, first chapel in 1962 and current addition to the chapel, hopefully in 1970.

The Vaughts have been active in ElDorado community affairs for more than 40 years. Retired in 1964, Mance engaged in the newspaper business from 1924 to 1940 and a general insurance business 1943 to 1964. Lela was employed much of this time as a dental assistant while Mance served as chaplain and later commander of the local post of the American Legion.

A Golden Age Couple
In 1968-69 the Vaughts served

as "A Golden Age Couple" in the Western States Mission. Mrs. Vaught has served 26 years as a teacher in Sunday School and also as an officer and teacher in the Primary and the Mutual Improvement Association. He has served locally as branch president, Sunday School superintendent, MIA superintendent and a priesthood and Scout leader.

The Vaughts have two children, son Tom; daughter Linda, both now married. Linda is Mrs. Loren Jones of Pollock Pines and Tom, and wife Marcie, now reside in Sacramento. Mance the Lela have two grandchildren.

Now retired the Vaughts have taken on a project to visit all the landmarks and monuments along the historic trails of the Mormon pioneers. They will write a book with illustrations about each historic place and eventually publish an "L.D.S. Pioneer Trails Encyclopedia." If the work nets any profit these will be given over to the Sierra Chapter of the SUP for the continuation of its dedicated work.

Mance Vaught was born Nov. 20, 1898 and Lela was born Sept. 7, 1899 at Irontown, Trigg County, Kentucky.

Amanda Lee Miller, Wife Of SUP Board Member, Dies

Amanda Lee Miller, 73, wife of James H. Miller, Brigham City, of the National Board of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, died February 17, after a prolonged illness. Funeral services were held February 21 in the Brigham City 3rd-15th Ward Chapel under the direction of Bp. Morgan Hawks. Principal speakers were LaPreal Wight and Warren E. Hansen. Interment was in the Brigham City Cemetery.

Elder Miller, prolific SUP writer and historian, penned the following poetic lines about his beloved companion for "The Pioneer":

Amanda's face was worn and faded
And her clothes were out of date,
Her face was growing wrinkled;
Aged from time and labors great.
Just a kindly, gracious woman,
Who had known too much of care,
Yet, her three lovely children
Saw an angel standing there.

Some there were who thought her common,

Even passed her with a stare,
With her children standing by her,
They saw an angel standing there.
She was more like queen than mother,
Though her life was filled with care,
Yet, all members of her family
Saw an angel standing there.

—James H. Miller



MANCE H. VAUGHT — LELA NICHOLS VAUGHT —
WED 50 YEARS

David O. McKay Had Great Love For Horses

By James Campbell
(As Told To Harold H. Jensen)

The late Pres. David O. McKay, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had a deep love for humanity and also a choice affection for fine horses. It is said that the way he talked to his horses and the way they responded, they must surely have understood his language perfectly.

As so often told in the press, Pres. McKay's favorite horse was "Sunny Boy," his saddle horse. "Sunny Boy" was a good-natured animal but exceedingly mischievous. He learned to unlatch the gate that kept the other stock in the meadow. One day he performed his gate trick and wandered off into what he must have thought were greener pastures, which proved his downfall.

The handsome animal entered a barn and got himself a meal out of a bag of grain that was opened there. It was seed grain that had been poisoned against blight and black moss. That was the end of "Sunny's" barnyard wanderings.

The president had another favorite animal named "Norman." The good steed grew old and feeble. After watching the animal's enfeebled efforts to get get around, David O. McKay told one of his farm workers, "Let old Norman out to be shot. It is too bad but this is something that ought to be done."

Pres. McKay sometime later led the faithful Norman out toward the canyon to put an end to the animal's miseries, but stopped on the way to give the old horse a drink. The horse took his drink of clear, cool water from the creek and just stood and looked at his owner, as if to say, "Thank you." David patted the horse on the nose and recalled the many happy days they had been together—all the canyons they had climbed, all the cattle they had rounded up and all the rides they had enjoyed around the countryside.

The kindly, gentle Church leader later said, "I sort of choked up and my eyes leaked a little and I



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said to my helper, 'Put a blanket on him and feed him along with the others in the barn and meadow.' I am glad now that Norman died a natural death."

For Whom The Bell Tolls

ST. GEORGE.—Many people who heard the tolling of the bell in the Tabernacle tower April 1 at 1:40 p.m. wondered why.

At a meeting of the Dixie Mission Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers held some time ago, the question was asked by William Brooks, "Why not toll the bell in the Tabernacle at the passing of some famous man?" This was discussed and the Sons decided to do it. William Brooks was the first man to be so honored. This custom was carried out during Pioneer days and lasted until the death of Col. A. P. Hardy, George Woodward and others.

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Arza S. Hinckley Heroic Figuree in Mormon Handcart History

By Earl S. Paul

Arza E. Hinckley, one of the descendants of Samuel and Sarah, was born August 15, 1826 in Leeds County, Canada. His father was Nathaniel Hinckley, born December 5, 1794, in the United States of America, his mother was Lois Judd, born September 15, 1805 in upper Canada.

The Latter-day Saints missionaries came to their home in the year 1836-37. Arza joined the church and was baptized August 1, 1838. Shortly after his baptism he left with the John E. Payne's Company for Far West, Missouri. He was at Far West when Joseph Smith and others were taken prisoners. He was one of the boys who was allowed by the guards of the mob, to go out of town to bring in the cows.

He went from Far West to Nauvoo, Illinois, and while there working on the Temple Stone Quarry in the spring, President Brigham Young came at noon and told the workers to work away and finish the temple and prepare to go West.

He left Nauvoo in May, 1846 in the Joel Ricks' Company to Mt. Pisgah, where he joined the William Clayton's Company to Council Bluff, Iowa, where he enlisted in the Mormon Battalion on July 16, 1846. He said that President Young told them: "To be faithful saints and soldiers and we should not have to fire a gun at the enemy and we should return safely to the bosom of the Church."

He and several others became very ill at Santa Fe, where they were left by the other members of the battalion with instructions to return and winter at Pueblo, Colo. They were to leave in the spring for Utah. They left in May, 1847 and arrived in Utah on July 29, just five days after the arrival of the first company, led by Brigham Young.

His stay in Utah was of short duration as he left to return to Winter Quarters about the first of September, 1847 with President Young and others. Besides a few meals he had with the emigrants he got two quarts of corn from his Aunt Shearward at Pacific



Earl S. Paul and Arza Walter Paul, brothers, are shown at the Martin Handcart Company Monument which honors their grandfather Arza E. Hinckley, as a member of this heroic pioneer group.

Springs and he bought two pounds of flour at Laramie, which was his "outfit" of bread stuff from Salt Lake City to Missouri. He had to eat roots and rose buds to sustain life.

President's Body Guard

He came back to Utah with a freight company in the year 1850 and in the fall of 1851 he returned to Winter Quarters again. After returning to Utah he was a body guard for President Young, he also worked for Daniel H. Wells for several years.

He went out to meet the first handcart company, meeting them about four hundred miles east of Salt Lake City. He was a great help to them on the rest of their long journey to Utah.

He went out again with Dan Johnson, each had four mule team loads of provisions and medicine. When they got to Fort Bridger a blizzard detained them for a few days. The second day out from Fort Bridger they met two companies of relief units on their way home. They had been out to near

the Pacific Springs and had not found the Martin Handcart Company. Thinking they had perished in the cold and snow they had decided to return to Salt Lake City.

Arza persuaded them to camp and that he and Dan Johnson would go on to search for the company, he wrote: "After my making some persuasion they went on to camp one way and waited there until they heard of the carts then went after them. Dan and I went on to Green River where a team overtook us, who took A. J.'s load and he went back to Fort Bridger. The mules Dan had were President Young's large mules, one of them had died with the cold.

"We met the Handcart Folks at Ice Springs on the Sweetwater River, from there into Salt Lake City. Eph. Hanks, one of my battalion chums, spent much of our time, while in camp administering to the sick. Ephraim was a man of great faith."

Might Have Perished

If Arza E. Hinckley and Dan Johnson had not met the relief
See ARSA, next page)

Arza S. Hinckley Heroic Figure in Mormon Handcart History

"The Hinckley family came to America on the ship Hercules in the year 1634 from Leeds County, England. They landed at Cape Cod in May. The family were, Samuel, his wife Sarah and four children, Samuel, Thomas, John and Sarah. Thomas became the first governor of the Plymouth Colony."

(continued from preceding page)

party wagons returning and persuaded them to wait, there is no doubt that the Martin Handcart Company would have perished, but by the bravery of Arza E. Hinckley when he said to them: "Brigham Young sent me out to help save the handcart folks and I will find them or give my life trying to find them." No doubt these words influenced the man with the team of horses to follow after them.

From various accounts it is clear that Ephraim K. Hanks was the person who overtook Arza E. Hinckley and Dan Johnson. Ephraim tells how busy he was in administering to the sick but does not mention that Arza helped him, but Arza says they too "were busy administering to the sick."

And thus two courageous men went forward again as battalion brothers, the one who led and the one who followed, battling arm in arm the cold fierce winds, breaking roads through deep snow and drifts, not knowing where they would meet other courageous men, women and children of great faith who were perishing in the snow and praying that they would be led by the Lord to where the handcart folks were camped.

As the two rescuers with their wagons of food, rainment, bedding and medicine approached the camp, great shouts of "Hosanna to God" rang through the crisp air in the little hollow where they had camped.

President's Companion

Arza traveled a great deal with President Young on his trips to the colonies. He had "charge of the guard" at his office one night a week for ten years. He was on

the police force of Salt Lake City for seven years and a cavalryman in the Minute Men for 17 years in Company 3. He was not only a minute man for the cavalry but for the church, fulfilling many assignments which took him away from his large family many times.

Once he met some government troops at the mouth of Parley's Canyon who pounced upon him. In the book "Daniel H. Wells And Events Of His Life," by Bryant S. Hinckley is written: Brother Arza Hinckley, with whom you are very well acquainted, was coming out of the canyon with some sheep. He had a boy with him by the name of Arthur Smith, about 14 years of age, who was a little in advance, when they met a wagon load of troops who were going to the canyon for some wood. As they met, one of the soldiers jumped out, and, approach-

ing the boy, said: 'You are the first wild man I have seen,' at the same time striking him and knocking him clear off the dugway. The boy had scarcely struck the ground before he was joined by the soldier, as a result of a well-directed blow from Arza.

"Ten of these military 'braves' then rushed upon him. Three of them he knocked down, but there were too many for him and they beat him in a most shocking manner. He is now at Brother Wells,' and there is no apprehension but what he will recover soon."

The soldiers left him for dead, one of them remarked: "We are a brave set to jump upon a mere boy and beat him to death."

He lived and became one of the stalwart pioneers, both in Utah and Idaho, devoted to his church, his government and his large family of three wives, who were: Amelia Woodhouse, Temperance Ricks and Mary Christina Heiner, (the writer's grandmother) and 23 children. He was a patriarch at the time of his death at Rexburg, Idaho, On February 18, 1901.

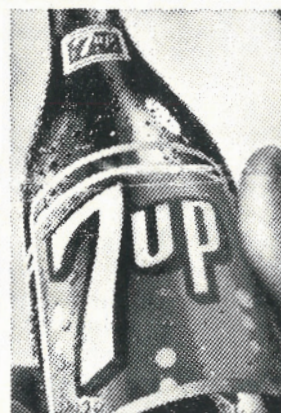
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As announced several months ago by the Presiding Bishopric of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the sponsor organization, the 95-year-old Old Folks Day observance has been done away with as such, and will be handled hereafter by the respective wards and stakes. Evidently, as a church-wide celebration, it got out of hand with actually not enough space in historic Liberty Park to spread out all the dinner tables.

Started in 1875, the event had a rich and colorful history. Jack Everett, 2666 South 15th East St., Salt Lake City, former member of the General Committee has kept a scrapbook of the annual outing which includes a notebook by George Goddard, who was one of the counselors to Bishop Edward Hunter and Charles R. Savage, pioneer photographer, founders of the big day.

The notebook records the names of most of the oldsters who attended the event from 1875 to 1898. The festival in 1875 at Clinton's Resort (now Black Rock) proved immensely popular with the old-timers who annually put every effort to attend and some of them, as a notation put it, "just lived from one Old Folks Day to another."

An interesting item on the 1880 outing showed that 100 gallons of tea and lemonade were served. There was no transportation charge and it was reported that many old-folks devotees, under the age limit, took in the excursion.

Another grand old tradition thusly fades away, and the summer season at Liberty Park will be just a bit drab and dull without those thousands of grand and sweet old people.—Hal Jensen



Officers of the Kane County Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, which will host the annual encampment at Kanab this summer. They are: Allen C. Williams, secretary; John M. Burgoyne, president; Leslie Pugh, immediate past president, left to right; and standing Fred M. Reese, chapter encampment chairman.



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Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jenson
SUP Historian

The Days of '47 Celebration Rodeo this summer will set a precedent that could become a tradition and assure financial security for the gala event ad infinitum. It will be held in Salt Lake City's beautiful and spacious new Salt Palace. The committee has put up in advance \$1,000 to secure the dates. This arrangement is a master-stroke in pagentry promotion and the committee is to be commended.

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Plans are underway to retrace the 2,000-mile-trek of the Mormon Battalion from Council Bluffs to San Diego in 1846. Boy Scouts and Explorers will make up a troupe corresponding to the company that went over the trail in the longest march of infantry in military history — 503 men, 26 women and eight boys. A reunion of SUP members who re-enacted the trek in 1950 was held March 20.

The July-August issue of The Pioneer will feature the annual SUP Encampment at Kanab, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12. It will be part of the southern Utah city's Centennial Celebration. Mayor Virl Dixon of Provo, is chairman, assisted by Col. Fred Reese of the Mormon Battalion and chapter presidents of the St. George and Cedar City Chapters.

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The Pony Express, February issue, features the writings of Charles Kelly, Michigan-born historian whose "Salt Desert Trails" has become one of the most-treasured volumes in western pioneer history. The Express article reviews the Kelly reports of such fascinating tales as the Reed-Donner Party Tragedy, the Mountain Meadow Massacre, the Vigilantes of Montana, Escalante Trail and "Crossing of the Fathers," the saga of Reumen Nucklos, the Overland Stage driver, and other

stories, especially that of "China Polly" the Chinese slave girl who was shipped to an Idaho gold miner named Hong Kong who lost her in a poker game to Charley Bemis. They built a cabin in the Salmon River gold rush country where they lived happily and contributed much to the pioneering of that section of the Idaho wilderness.

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Pres. Eugene P. Watkins, Secretary T. Mack Woolley and this historian represented the SUP at the funeral of our beloved former president Francis L. Christensen in Brigham City. It was an impressive and beautiful service and afforded abundant honors upon this kindly, gracious and devoted gentleman. Incidentally, "Gene, Mack and Hal" all celebrated birthdays in April and Gene is the only one of the trio under 75 years of age.

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Pioneers in Helping to Build an Even Greater West

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Utah Eggs For Montana Gold Proved Profitable Deal For Trader In 1866

By James H. Miller

Alex Toponco, the pioneer freighter and trader, had a rough but profitable deal going for himself in October to December in 1866. He and his five six-mule team drivers purchased eggs in Salt Lake City where almost every family had a flock of chickens. Utah eggs sold for cash or were traded for groceries and supplies.

Alex started north with his wagons buying eggs all along the road north to Brigham City, where he really loaded up with eggs. It was winter and every egg had to be stored in grain. These wagons were half full or more of grain to take to Montana miners, they had to have feed for their mules as well as eggs for themselves. Alex' wagons turned east, going up Box Elder Canyon to Mantua, then over Dry Lake into Cache Valley — everywhere, Mantua, Wellsville, and Hyrum, where he continued buying and storing his eggs in grain.

At Battle Scene

He loaded one wagon in Logan alone with eggs, then North through Hyde Park, Smithfield, Richmond and Franklin. His party camped at Battle Creek, northwest of Preston, Idaho, where General Connor fought and destroyed the Shoshone Indian tribes in 1862. This was four years before but still were seen plenty of relics of that battle.

They traveled west to Oxford, still buying eggs. All eggs were wrapped in newspapers before storing in the grain, which was in boxes, so they could be handled easily and taken out easily and carefully. The winters were very cold in those days and every precaution was taken to keep the eggs from freezing.

When they reached Pleasant Valley, north of Spencer, Idaho, the snow was one foot deep. They split logs and made runners for their wagons, took off the wheels and hauled them on top of the load.

Wagons Become Sleds

Later, when they reached the Continental Divide they found bare ground again for 20 miles,

(very little snow) so, the wheels were put back on the wagons, and again hauled the runners on top. Reaching Montana the snow was deep so they went back to snow runners again.

They finally reached Helena, Montana, where Alex sold the eggs at \$2.00 a dozen, receiving payment in gold. This gold would be traded in Salt Lake City for \$2.25 for every \$1.00 worth. Alex sold his grain at a good profit. His outfits also brought a good price. He paid his men good wages, took his fortune and rode back to Salt Lake City on a stagecoach.

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Pres. Smith To Be Honored at Presidents Dinner

Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith, if his busy schedule will permit, will be honored at the annual SUP President's Banquet, Friday, May 1 at the Pioneer Village auditorium. The revered Church leader will be awarded an honorary life membership in the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Appropriate honors will also be given the President's noted companion, Jessie Evans Smith, the celebrated contralto.

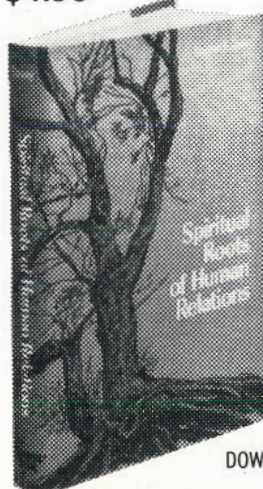
A secondary feature of the banquet program will be the dedication of a bronze plaque to be erected in the auditorium and containing the names of all former presidents of the SUP along with the years of their administrations. An extraordinary musical program and a sumptuous repast, is planned for the occasion.

Jay Horrocks, vice president of SUP, is chairman of the event. Ken Rasmussen, chairman of the Plaques and Landmarks Committee has prepared the plaque and has charge of this part of the program.

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Old Utah Landmarks Nominated For Historic Sites National Register

The Salt Lake City & County Building, now 75 years old, and the old military headquarters buildings at Fort Douglas, have been nominated for the National Register of Historic and Cultural Sites by the Committee on Historical and Cultural Sites of the Utah Historical Society.

Dr. Charles S. Peterson, society director and Dr. Milton C. Abrams, committee chairman, said nomination is tantamount to acceptance. Purpose of the committee is to preserve as many old Utah landmarks as possible. The committee does not have any authority to acquire property.

Other Nominations

Some 27 other sites were nominated by the committee, located in almost every corner of the state:

Salt Lake County — The old clock in front of Zion's First National Bank, 1st South and Main; Council Hall, across the street south from the Capitol; Albert E. Fisher Carriage House, rear of 1206 W. 2nd South; Frederick A. Meyer residence, 929 East 2nd South; John Platt house, 264 Quince St. (140 West); Brown Mansion, 509 E. South Temple; Saltair; Ottinger Fireman's Hall, mouth of City Creek Canyon; Utah Commercial and Savings

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Barracks Building

Beaver — Barracks Building, Fort Cameron.

Box Elder — Brigham City Tannery and the Corinne Methodist Episcopal Church.

Cache — Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific Railroad Station, Logan.

Juab — George C. Whitmore Mansion, Nephi.

Millard — Old Fort Deseret near Delta; Old Rock Schoolhouse at Fillmore.

Summit — Old Echo LDS Church; Park City's St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church; Summit LDS Stake Tabernacle, Coalville.

Hall Fire Station

Tooele — Town Hall and Fire Station, Ophir; Tooele County Courthouse, Tooele.

Utah — Old District School, Fairfield; Fugal Blacksmith Shop, Pleasant Grove.

Wasatch — Wasatch LDS Stake Tabernacle, Heber.

Washington — Naegle Winery, Toquerville; Fort Peace, near Washington.

Relic Of Utah's Past Disappear

By Carl E. Hayden
In The Salt Lake Tribune

There are nostalgic sights along highway 91 and 89 in western Utah—Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, the Cedar Breaks country, Dixie, Fishlake, Wasatch, Uinta and Manti - La Sal National Forests — but some of the best material things are rapidly disappearing.

They were made by the Mormon pioneers, and, where nature isn't taking its toll, the influx of people is.

Take the broad, fenceless rust-colored fields at Nephi. Already cut by broad, black Highway 91 that is becoming broader and blacker as Interstate 15, the big fields are headed for the chopping block.

Much of pioneer handiwork is rapidly disappearing. Weathered to an ash gray are big, hayloft barns the likes of which are built no more, livestock-sheltering and haying methods having radically changed.

Ghostly Structures

On the high roofs of some lichen has settled to give a flare of green to the never - painted, now ghostly structures.

By some stand pole hay derricks a half century or more old, their booms pointing forlornly to the new age in the sky.

Log huts that hard-muscled settlers built with enduring pride are dwindling in numbers. Foundations on most have sunk, making it seem to the casual observer that the average frontiersman was of short stature.

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On Monday, June 1, Brigham Young's birthday, a Banquet will be held at 7:30 at Pioneer Village, honoring President Brigham Young and the descendants of this revered pioneer leader, at which time a Bust of the Pioneer Leader by Ortho Fairbanks will be unveiled. This Bust will be permanently on display at Pioneer Village.



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